

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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Section 407 Proceeding

Docket No. IM2016-1

NOTICE OF POSTING OF PROPOSALS

(Issued July 20, 2016)

Pursuant to Order No. 3253, the proposals listed in Attachment A have been posted on the Commission's website in Docket No. IM2016-1.<sup>1</sup> Attachment B is a file with proposals 20.1.2.Rev 1, 20.16.2.Rev 1, and 20.16.3.Rev 1. Proposals 20.1.2.Rev 1 and 20.16.2.Rev 1 replace proposals 20.1.2 and 20.16.2 that the Commission posted on May 6, 2016.<sup>2</sup>

On July 14, 2016, the Commission posted the relevant articles in the recast Universal Postal Convention that these proposals amend.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Order No. 3253, Notice And Order Establishing Section 407 Proceeding, April 20, 2016, at 2-3.

<sup>2</sup> Notice of Posting of Proposals, May 6, 2016. The original version of the proposals (20.1.2 and 20.16.1) will remain posted on the Commission's website.

<sup>3</sup> Notice of Posting of Documents, July 14, 2016.

<b>Proposal No.</b>	<b>Proposal Title</b>
20.1.2.Rev 1	Article 1, Definitions
20.16.2.Rev 1	Article 16, Basic services
20.16.3.Rev 1	Article 16, Basic services

## File of Proposals

## 26th CONGRESS

Convention – Proposal

| 20.1.2.Rev 1

### Article 1 Definitions

#### POSTAL OPERATIONS COUNCIL

Create new paragraphs 1.1bis to 1.1quater.2 as follows:

- 1.1bis letter-post item: item described in and conveyed under the conditions of the Universal Postal Convention and Regulations;
- 1.1ter parcel-post item: item described in and conveyed under the conditions of the Universal Postal Convention and Regulations;
- 1.1quater EMS item: item described in and conveyed under the conditions of the Universal Postal Convention, Regulations and associated EMS instruments;
- 1.1quater.1 documents: a letter-post, parcel-post or EMS item consisting of any piece of written, drawn, printed or digital information, excluding objects of merchandise, whose physical specifications lie within the limits specified in the Regulations;
- 1.1quater.2 goods: a letter-post, parcel-post or EMS item consisting of any tangible and movable object other than money, including objects of merchandise, which does not fall under the definition of "document" as provided in § 1.1quater.1 above and whose physical specifications lie within the limits specified in the Regulations;

**Reasons.** – The proposed first step in implementing the Integrated Product Plan (IPP; see Congress–Doc 39) includes classifying items (in 2018) as either "documents" or "goods". As neither of these terms is currently defined in the Convention, it was felt that the submission of the IPP to Congress would offer a timely opportunity to introduce definitions of "documents" and "goods" into the Convention.

In considering whether to propose these two new definitions, it was noted that two other important definitions were missing from article 1 of the Convention. This proposal therefore also suggests including definitions of "letter-post item" and "EMS" in the Convention, and proposes a modified version of the existing definition of "parcel".



## 26th CONGRESS

Convention – Proposal

| 20.16.2.Rev 1

Article 16  
Basic services

### POSTAL OPERATIONS COUNCIL

Amend as follows:

1 (No change.)

2 Letter-post items containing documents only, as defined in article 1.1.1bis, are:

2.1 priority items and non-priority items, up to 2 kilogrammes;

2.2 letters, postcards, and printed papers and small packets, up to 2 kilogrammes;

2.3 items for the blind, up to 7 kilogrammes;

2.4 special bags containing newspapers, periodicals, books and similar printed documentation for the same addressee at the same address called "M bags", up to 30 kilogrammes.

2bis Letter-post items containing goods only, as defined in article 1.1.1bis, are:

2bis.1 priority and non-priority small packets, up to 2 kilogrammes.

3 Letter-post items shall be classified on the basis ~~either~~ of both the speed of treatment of the items ~~or of~~ and the contents of the items in accordance with the Letter Post Regulations.

3bis Within the classification systems referred to in 3, letter-post items may also be classified on the basis of their format as small letters (P), large letters (G) or bulky letters small packets (E). The size and weight limits are specified in the Letter Post Regulations.

4 Higher weight limits than those indicated in paragraph 2 apply optionally for certain letter-post item categories under the conditions specified in the Letter Post Regulations.

5 Subject to paragraph 8, member countries shall also ensure that their designated operators accept, handle, convey and deliver ~~postal parcels~~ parcel-post items up to 20 kilogrammes, ~~either as laid down in the Convention, or, in the case of outward parcels and after bilateral agreement, by any other means which is more advantageous to their customers.~~

6 Weight limits higher than 20 kilogrammes apply optionally for certain parcel-post categories items under the conditions specified in the Parcel Post Regulations.

| 7 and 8 (No change.)

**Reasons.** – In connection with the implementation of step 1 of the Integrated Product Plan (Congress-Doc 39), this amendment aims to clarify the fact that certain letter-post items contain documents, while certain others (specifically small packets) contain goods.

Related proposal: 20.1.2.Rev 1.

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Convention – Proposal

| **20.16.3.Rev 1**Article 16  
Basic services**POSTAL OPERATIONS COUNCIL**

Paragraph 3bis. Amend as follows:

3bis Within the classification systems referred to in paragraph 3, letter-post items may also be classified on the basis of their format as small letters (P), large letters (G), or bulky letters (E) or small packets (E). The size and weight limits are specified in the Letter Post Regulations.

**Reasons.** – Clarifying the fact that "small packets" are also classified as format E (see Congress–Doc 39).